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THE undersigned have learned with much satisfaction that the valuable library of books and pamphlets relating to Slavery and the Anti-Slavery Movement in the United States, which was bequeathed to Cornell University by the late SAMUEL J. MAY, of Syracuse, has been made the nucleus of a collection of works on this subject, to be designated the "MAY COLLECTION," in honor of its beloved and lamented founder. The Collection has already received important accessions from the private libraries of friends in this country and in Great Britain, but it lacks many publications on the subject during the last forty years which are now out of print and to be found only in the possession of a few private individuals. It is especially deficient in the anti-slavery publications which emanated from Philadelphia, and it also lacks a file of THE LIBERATOR and other anti-slavery journals, the early volumes of which are now very difficult to obtain.

Regarding it of great importance that the literature of the Anti-Slavery Movement both in this country and Great Britain should be preserved and handed down, that the purposes and the spirit, the methods and the aims of the Abolitionists should be clearly known and understood by those who are to come after us, we earnestly recommend those of our old friends and co-workers in the Anti-Slavery cause who have any books, pamphlets, or newspapers relating to the question for which they have no longer any use, to communicate with Prof. WILLARD FISKE, Librarian of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, with reference to placing them in the "MAY COLLECTION." The library, however, has no fund from which to purchase books, and is obliged to rely on the generosity of friends in making contributions.

We consider it especially fortunate in having the services of Prof. FISKE, whose admirable qualifications and ripe experience as a librarian are well known, and who has taken a most active and hearty interest in the "MAY COLLECTION"; and we believe that, under his fostering care, this latter will become the largest and best collection on the subject in America.

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